

REMARKS

Please cancel claim 2. Claim 3 has been amended.

Claims 9 – 11, and 19 and 21 were amended to correct a dependency issue upon the cancellation of claim 2. Claim 30 was amended to remove a redundant clause.

Please add new independent claim 33.

1. Statement of the Substance of the Interview of 20 April 2006.

A personal interview was held between Ex. Wassum, Ex. Lu, the inventor/applicant Mr. Zee, and applicants' agent Mr. Goodwin. The applicant and the applicant's agent are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Applicant". The Applicant presented the deficiencies remaining in the prior art when presented with the problem of assuring the enduring archival of individual intellectual property (IP). Applicant distinguished the features in Applicant's independent claim 3 from the prior art including the unique feature of establishing an endowment for each IP archived in the archival system for which there is to be an enduring archival. It was agreed that claim 3 could be further amended to clarify the subject matter and that a proposed claim would be reviewed by the Examiners Lu and Wassum. Ex. Lu agreed to update the search on the amended claim.

2. Further Amendment to Claim 3

An amended and proposed claim 3 was provided to Ex. Lu on 25 Apr 2006 and a subsequent telephone conference was held with Ex. Lu on May 10, 2006 to discuss the proposed claim. Claim 3 is amended herewith as a result of the interview and the comments by the Examiners Lu and Wassum as discussed in the teleconference with Ex. Lu.

Claim 3 has also been amended in form. Claim 3 is only slightly amended in substance from the proposed claim 3 as submitted April 25 and the substance of which was discussed with Examiner Lu on May 10. As required,

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amended Claim 3 is submitted in marked up form as it compares to the claim 3 currently on file which predates the personal interview and submission of the proposed claim 3.

This response amends independent claim 3 and new claim 33 to clarify:

- that the system includes IP that is associated with an archival fee for assuring enduring archival; and
- that a separate endowment fund is established for each archived IP from the archival fee collected for that archived IP.

As agreed between the Applicant and the Examiners in the personal interview and subsequent teleconference, the establishing of a separate endowment fund for each archived IP is now patentably distinguished from the prior art and results in a very different and advantageous benefit absent in the cited prior art: the assurance of enduring archival of each archived IP.

3. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 3 should now be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 9 - 13 and 19 - 33 should also be in condition for allowance as being dependent upon an allowable claim.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration and allowance of claims 3, 9 - 13 and claims 19 - 33 is respectfully requested.

If there are any outstanding issues that can be dealt with in a teleconference, this agent invites such a teleconference with the Examiner. This agent can be contacted at (403) 203-0107 (Mountain Standard Time, - 2 hours).

Respectfully submitted,

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